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TREATMENT OF DRY EYE BY RESTORING 15-LIPOXYGENASE ACTIVITY TO

OCULAR SURFACE CELLS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following sentence below the title:

This application claims priority from PCT/US2003/033139 filed on October 17, 2003, and United States Serial No. 60/435,988, filed on December 20, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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